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Scam alert: Fake letters claim the city of Charleston, MUSC seeking college students for a COVID-19 vaccine trial

Charleston, S.C.--The city of Charleston learned today that scam letters are being sent to College of Charleston students claiming the City of Charleston Public Service Department and MUSC are seeking healthy students to participate in a vaccine trial for COVID-19. These letters are fake, and there is no such vaccine trial.

The letters instruct the recipient to show up in person at 180 Lockwood for a health screening. There is no health screening located at 180 Lockwood.

Citizens are to continue to follow the city's "Stay at Home" ordinance. Anyone who believes they have symptoms of COVID-19 should go to MUSC's telehealth website at <u>musc.care</u> to be screened for testing.

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